



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 148
PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF DISASTER
FOR WILSON AND JOHNSTON COUNTIES**

WHEREAS, I have determined that a State of Disaster, as defined in G.S. §166A-6, exists in the State of North Carolina, specifically Wilson and Johnston counties, as a result of tornadoes that caused severe damage and fatalities on November 15, 2008;

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2008, Wilson and Johnston counties proclaimed a local State of Emergency;

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. §166A-6, the criteria for a Type I disaster are met including the following: (1) receipt of the preliminary damage assessment from the Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety; (2) Wilson and Johnston counties declared a local state of emergency pursuant to N.C.G.S. §166A-8 and forwarded a written copy of the declaration to the Governor; (3) the preliminary damage assessment meets or exceeds the criteria established for the Small Business Disaster Loan Program pursuant to 13 C.F.R. Part 123; and (4) a major disaster declaration by the President of the United States pursuant to the Stafford Act has not been declared.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and the laws of the State of North Carolina, **IT IS ORDERED:**

Section 1. Pursuant to G. S. §166A-6, a State of Disaster is hereby declared for Wilson and Johnston counties.

Section 2. State and local government entities and agencies are hereby ordered to cooperate in the implementation of the provisions of this proclamation and the provisions of the North Carolina Emergency Operations Plan.

Section 3. Bryan E. Beatty, Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety, and/or his designee, is hereby delegated all power and authority granted to me and required of me by Chapter 166A of the General Statutes for the purpose of implementing the said Emergency Operations Plan and to take such further action as is necessary to promote and secure the safety and protection of the populace in North Carolina.